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1. AGATT CONVEYED SUBSTANCE REF A BY LETTER JUNE 19
TO GERMAN UNDERSECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE ROHR EXPRESSING
U.S. CONCERN ABOUT THE PROPOSED RECLASSIFICATION OF
PREPARED POULTRY MEAT NOW ENTERING UNDER CXT 16.02.
COPY OF THIS LETTER ALSO SENT TO GERMAN AGRICULTURE
DIRECTORS OF POULTRY DIVISION, INTERNATIONAL POLICY
DIVISION AND EC GROUP. AGATT HAS ALSO CONVEYED
VERBALLY BUT INFORMALLY SERIOUSNESS OF U.S. CONCERN
TO UNDERSECRETARY ROHR AT JUNE 24 DINNER PARTY.
SEPARATE VERBAL DEMARCHE MADE TO AG MINISTRY DIRECTOR
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OF EC GROUP (RODE) TO STRESS IMPORTANCE OF ISSUE TO
THE U.S. RODE SAID ISSUE WILL BE EXAMINED AT HIGHEST
LEVELS IN AG MINISTRY.

2. NEITHER ROHR NOR OTHERS WILLING TO COMMIT THEM-
SELVES BUT SAID THEY WILL REVIEW MATTER AND RESPOND.
WE DO KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT GERMAN MINAG DID SUPPORT

POULTRY RECLASSIFICATION SCHEME AT POULTRY MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING IN MAY.

3. AGATT PURSUING REPRESENTATION AT WORKING LEVEL
IN AG MINISTRY TO GET A BETTER FEEL FOR WHAT GERMANS
ARE THINKING IN TERMS OF ACTION AND TIMING. AGATT
WILL REPORT ON MEETINGS.

4. WITH AGATT PROMPTING, ISRAELI AGATT IN BONN HAS
MADE SEPARATE REPRESENTATION TO GERMAN MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE BASICALLY SUPPORTING U.S. OPPOSITION TO
THE PROPOSED RECLASSIFICATION SCHEME. ISRAELI AGATT
INFORMS US THAT GERMAN MINAG GATT SPECIALISTS FEEL
THEY COULD JUSTIFY RECLASSIFICATION SCHEME UNDER
EXISTING GATT RULES. THEIR REASONING WE ARE TOLD IS
THAT TRADE IN PREPARED POULTRY PRODUCTS DID NOT EXIST
WHEN THE GATT BINDING WAS ESTABLISHED AND THAT
CURRENT TRADE IN THIS ITEM ONLY DEVELOPED TO
CIRCUMVENT THE POULTRY C.A.P. AGATT WILL REFUTE THIS
LOGIC AT MEETINGS WITH WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS.
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